PETS IN TAYGETA AND THEIR SHIP - ET CULTURES
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Cristina: How is the concept of pets in Taygeta? How is it different from the concept of a pet here?

Anéeka of Temmer: On Earth, although it depends on each person, the pet is seen as a subject, something that must obey the master, as an object, something that can be tied up in the yard or kept on the roof and they forget that it exists if it weren't because they bark. This is just generalizing.

In Taygeta a pet is a member of the family, like the others, it is just not of the same species, but we do not see it differently. It has needs different from yours and you are in control, it is not that you are superior, but it falls as your responsibility to solve their life. Even more if you have it in captivity.

Maybe that's why cats are so popular in Taygeta, because of their mentality. It is your friend, your family, and at the same time they remain wild, not entirely domesticated. It is said a lot everywhere that it even seems we were the ones domesticated by them. It is that many times it seems that we are "to serve them". Like the cat concert of demands when they ask for food every day.

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Cristina: I understand Anéeka. Is that here there are like two types of pets, this concept that you say and then the other that is more like taking advantage of the animal, like having a bird in a cage, a fish in a fish tank, just so that the person is distracted and It is funny to have it there but not for the benefit of the animal.

Anéeka of Temmer: Yes, in Taygeta it is more like a symbiosis. There are no dogs in itself, because they are human, a terrestrial invention. But in wooded areas in Erra for example, it is common for a Fox or Wolf to end up interested in approaching a family, especially if he is alone or if he was found injured and the family helped him. And he remains a member of the family.

Estel·la: How do you get a pet in Taygeta?

Anéeka of Temmer: They run in families. They are not obtained anywhere, they are adopted when it is seen that they need a home. It also depends on the pet itself because there are animals that adopt you without you wanting to. Cats do that, also Mogh'yay, and even Foxes. I guess it starts out of interest in food, but then it's because they feel safer around you.

Estel·la: So it would be for example if cats have puppies or so?

Anéeka of Temmer: Yes, like that.

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Information by SWARUU OF ERRA

The Mogh'yay

- Bird species, hatches from an egg.
- Size of a domestic cat.
- 4 clawed legs for climbing trees.

- Covered in feathers all over.
- On the body the feathers are dense and short, and long behind the elbow and knees, of green colour.
- Long, multi-coloured feathers on the tail and head. It makes it look huge.
- It has no beak, but hard lips. Two rows of teeth.
- The male is larger than the female and has more colourful feathers.

Mogh'yay behavior:

- Likes to live close to people.
- Are climbers and live in trees. Does not fly
- Their main food is fruit, nuts and fish.
- Snuggle up like a cat, especially around the neck.
- We walk them like dogs, but they have short legs and get tired and end up carrying them.
- They can be very noisy, especially in nature.
- They shout in the trees at sunrise and sunset.
- They can be invasive to crops.
- They get along well with cats and ferrets, if they don't get close to their babies.
- They live mainly in Temmer, since they are tropical birds.

Estel·la: Do you also have birth control on the Mogh'yay?

Anéeka of Temmer: The Mogh'yay are extremely prolific, more than the cats. The problem of the Mogh'yay is that they attack people's food, be it in vegetable crops and even in the kitchen. And since they reproduce very quickly, they can cause great losses and consequently put a family or even a group or town in food trouble. They are also controlled with the use of sounds that they have found scare them away, at least for some time before they become immune. Also with fences around the vegetable areas.

Estel·la: Wow, it looks like they can be a problem.

Anéeka of Temmer: Yes, and more because they move in large herds, they are gregarious.

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Cristina: What animals are the ones that one can have or are more frequent to have as pets in Taygeta?

Anéeka of Temmer:
1.- Domestic cats
2.- Ferrets, Otters and Weasels
3.- Mogh'yay
4.- Canines
5.- Big cats

More than anything those.

Cristina: Big cats? Like lions?

Anéeka of Temmer: Yes, but more commonly: panther, leopard, wildcat, lynx. Although Wolf or Fox is much more common. And domestic cat as the first place, since they are everywhere.

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INFORMATION BY ADDY NAI'SHARA, ALENYM AND ANÉEKA:

CATS:

- 7 cats on board. They adapt well to the life on a ship.

Estel·la: And do you control their reproduction?

- Through hormones.
- Drops with flavour that they like. Twice a month calculated, to all cats.
- You don't need castration here, and unlike on Earth, they tend to regenerate completely. If you castrate an animal, in a few months they have grown again.

Estel·la: And does it make them sterile or just not to have the desire to procreate?

- Both effects.

Estel·la: How interesting, and doesn't it affect their character?

- Yes, it makes them more docile, if we didn't give them that, they would spend all the time fighting, and it already happens. They are happier like this, calmer. But it is the same species of domestic cat that you have there. It is no different, a cat is a cat.

Estel·la: What do you feed them?

- They have their own special food.
- It is protein-based cat food made for them in tissue cultures like those of the Urmah.

Cristina: And do you have the same breeds of cats? Or is it a single race, the ones you have?

- There are other breeds of cat, but the one that is here with us in the ship, that is to say the one that is customary to have in ships, is the same one that you have there. They are not originally from Earth, they are of Lyrian origin, from the planet Avyon, not Lyra, that is, they are mini Urmah's.

Cristina: Persian race too? Or is this human "invention"?

- No, that's a human invention. Like dogs as such, there are canids here but wild, like the wolf, coyote, fox, etc.

Cristina: Thank you Anéeka, it is that the Persians have many problems and diseases and I was very much in line with what you said about the weakness of the species, if you try to manipulate the breed, as with dogs.

- Yes, I understand that they can't even breathe. What we do have is a feline breed that looks a lot like the Siamese, but it is not the same, it is invested in colours. But they will have something to do with each other, because they continue to have that difficult character that characterizes them.

Cristina: I imagine that on your planets there are no abandoned animals or anything like that.

- No, it just doesn't happen. Like an error somewhere possibly, but it is not heard.

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Cristina: What other animals do you have on the ship?

- 3 otters, 5 ferrets and 14 Mogh'yays.
- They are in the two green areas of the ship.

Cristina: A park on the ship, like a forest?

- It is an area designed for vegetable plantations to eat, to increase the autonomy of the ship, but since there are only 30 of us here, we do not need it, so it is a free area on board. The small forest is in the green area with the otter pond.

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